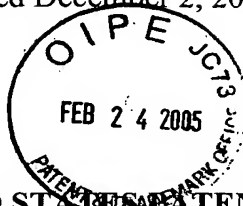


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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2004, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**AMENDMENT**

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

The **Basis for Amendment** begins on page 12 of this paper.

The **Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.